

**Disclosure**

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**\*Title of disclosure (in English)**

A method and system for easily identifying and distinguishing words contained within an e-mail message in order to convey significance

**Summary**

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IDT Team:

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## Response Due to IP&L [REDACTED]

### \*Main Idea

To view the main idea for this disclosure, click on this doclink ---> [REDACTED] (If you are prompted to enter a server name, please enter D01DB016)

### \*Critical Questions (Questions 1-9 must be answered in English)

#### \*Question 1

On what date was the invention workable? [REDACTED] Please format the date as MM/DD/YYYY (Workable means i.e. when you know that your design will solve the problem)

#### \*Question 2

Is there any planned or actual publication or disclosure of your invention to anyone outside IBM?

☐ Yes  
☒ No

If yes, Enter the name of each publication or patent and the date published below.

Publication/Patent:

Date Published or Issued:

Are you aware of any publications, products or patents that relate to this invention?

☒ Yes  
☐ No

If yes, Enter the name of each publication or patent and the date published below.

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#### \*Question 3

Has the subject matter of the invention or a product incorporating the invention been sold, used internally in manufacturing, announced for sale, or included in a proposal?

☐ Yes  
☒ No

Is a sale, use in manufacturing, product announcement, or proposal planned?

☐ Yes  
☒ No

If Yes, identify the product if known and indicate the date or planned date of sale, announcements, or proposal and to whom the sale, announcement or proposal has been or will be made.

Product:

Version/Release:

Code Name:

Date:

To Whom:

If more than one, use cut and paste and append as necessary in the field provided.

#### \*Question 4

Was the subject matter of your invention or a product incorporating your invention used in public, e.g., outside IBM or in the presence of non-IBMers?

☐ Yes  
☒ No

If yes, give a date. Please format the date as MM/DD/YYYY

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**\*Question 5**

Have you ever discussed your invention with others not employed at IBM?

☐ Yes  
☒ No

If yes, identify individuals and date discussed. Fill in the text area with the following information, the names of the individuals, the employer, date discussed, under CDA, and CDA #.

**\*Question 6**

Was the invention, in any way, started or developed under a government contract or project?

☐ Yes  
☒ No  
☐ Not sure

If Yes, enter the contract number

**\*Question 7**

Was the invention made in the course of any alliance, joint development or other contract activities?

☐ Yes  
☒ No  
☐ Not Sure

If Yes, enter the following:

Name of Alliance, Contractor or Joint Developer

Contract ID number

Relationship contact name

Relationship contact E-mail

Relationship contact phone

**\*Question 8**

Have you, or any of the other inventors, submitted this same invention disclosure or similar invention disclosure previously?

☐ Yes  
☒ No

If Yes, please provide disclosure number below:

**\*Question 9**

Are you, or any of the other inventors, aware of any related inventions disclosures submitted by anyone in IBM previously?

☐ Yes  
☒ No

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**Question 10**

What type of companies do you expect to compete with inventions of this type? Check all that apply.

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- ☐ Manufacturers of enterprise servers
- ☐ Manufacturers of entry servers
- ☐ Manufacturers of workstations
- ☐ Manufacturers of PC's
- ☐ Non-computer manufacturers
- ☒ Developers of operating systems
- ☒ Developers of networking software
- ☒ Developers of application software
- ☒ Integrated solution providers
- ☒ Service providers
- ☐ Other (Please specify below)

#### Question 11

If the invention relates to a product or service that is outside the scope of your business unit, please recommend IBM business unit(s), IBM location(s) or individual(s) within IBM that you think would provide a good evaluation of your invention:

**Patent Value Tool (Optional - this may be used by the inventor and attorney to assist with the evaluation.)**  
(The Patent Value tool can be used by the inventor(s) to determine the potential licensing value of your invention.)

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#### Market

What is the anticipated annual market size (in dollars) that will be captured by your invention?

#### CLAIMS

Question 1 - How new is the technical field?

Question 2 - How central is the invention to the product(s) which might be expected to contain the invention?

Question 3 - What is the scope of the claim?

#### PORTFOLIO NEED

What are the portfolio needs in the area of your invention?

#### EXPLOITATION & ENFORCEMENT

Question 1 - How easily can the use of the invention by a competitor be detected?

Question 2 - How easily can the use of the invention be avoided by a competitor?

#### BUSINESS VALUE

Question 1 - What percentage of the companies producing products in the field of this invention might use this invention?

Question 2 - What is the value of this patent to current or anticipated Alliance Activity between IBM and

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other companies?

**Question 3 -** What is the value of this patent to current or anticipated Technology Transfer Activity between IBM and other companies?

**Question 4 -** Does it result in prestige to IBM?

#### Evaluation

This evaluation was entered by Jeanette Durbin/Santa Teresa/IBM on [REDACTED]

#### Team Evaluation

What is the team's evaluation of this disclosure? Search

Date rated [REDACTED]

Evaluation Comments

Final Evaluation History:

Search

Who made the final evaluation:

Jeanette Durbin/Santa Teresa/IBM

Final evaluation date:

#### Search Information

Date sent: [REDACTED]

\*Target completion date: [REDACTED]

Search Results Received date:

Who was the search sent to (This area is to designate a Local Searcher name or WAIPL):

\*Search Type: ☒ Patentability ☐ Clearance ☐ Validity ☐ State of Art

\*Features to be searched: Please see disclosure

#### Search Office Information

Target completion date:

☐ Search has been delayed

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Search Conducted By Moore

Comments

#### Final Decision

This decision was entered by Jeanette Durbin/Santa Teresa/IBM on [REDACTED]

Decision: File

Status: N/A

PPM Area: 600 - Software related services

Attorney Rating: 2

Date of Final Decision [REDACTED]

#### Additional filing information

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Additional decision comments

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